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SUBJECT: US/VN RELATIONS: RETURN OF REMAINS

REF: PARIS 24790

1. EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD DELIVER AT EARLIEST  
OPPORTUNITY ORAL MESSAGE TO SRV LIAISON OFFICER CONTAINING  
FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SEND AN AIRCRAFT TO  
HANOI SEPTEMBER 30 TO RECOVER THE REMAINS OF 22 AMERICANS  
AS PROPOSED BY THE SRV AUGUST 26. THE NAMES OF THE OFFI-  
CIAL PARTY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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FREDERICK Z. BROWN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF VIETNAM, LAOS  
AND CAMBODIA AFFAIRS, BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC  
AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF STATE.

FRANK SIEVERTS, DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR PRISONER OF WAR AND  
MISSING IN ACTION MATTERS, OFFICE OF THE COORDINATOR FOR

HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF STATE.

KENNETH M. QUINN, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC AFFAIR DEPT. OF STATE.  
COLONEL DONAL MATHES, COMMANDER OF THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HONOLULU, HAWAII.

COLONEL ARCHIE W. GRATCH, UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.

CMDR. JOHN G. COLGAN, UNITED STATES NAVY.

LT. COLONEL PAUL MATHER, CHIEF, LIAISON OFFICE, JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER (BANGKOK).

MR. JOHN ROGERS, CHIEF, CENTRAL IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, HONOLULU, HAWAII.

3. THE U.S. WILL AT THAT TIME RETURN THE REMAINS OF ONE UNIDENTIFIED ASIAN PERSON, AS REQUESTED BY THE SRV.

4. THE U.S. AIRCRAFT WILL ARRIVE DURING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 30 AND WILL DEPART IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING LOADING OF THE AMERICAN REMAINS. TECHNICAL INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE AIRCRAFT CREW, FLIGHT PLAN TIMES, AND COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE FLIGHT PLAN WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE AIRCRAFT WHICH CARRIED THE WOODCOCK COMMISSION TO HANOI IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR.

5. UNLESS THE SRV PROPOSES OTHERWISE, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL MAKE FORMAL PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HANOI MISSION AT 12 NOON EST, SEPTEMBER 2. IF THE SRV PLANS ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, WE REQUEST THAT IT BE DELAYED UNTIL THAT TIME.

6. THE UNITED STATES APPRECIATES THE COOPERATION OF THE SRV IN THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO HELP RESOLVE THE ISSUE OF AMERICANS MISSING IN VIETNAM.

7. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF THESE POINTS, EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER SHOULD INQUIRE INFORMALLY REGARDING WHAT PLANS, IF ANY, THE VIETNAMESE HAVE FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF MIA MATTERS DURING THE VISIT. HE MAY SAY THAT U.S. PARTY WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS TECHNICAL MATTERS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE INDICATION OF PROPOSED DIMENSIONS OF SUCH TALKS. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE GENERAL IDEA OF AIRPORT FORMALITIES, WHICH WOULD OF COURSE BE REFINED WHEN U.S. PROVIDES FULL FLIGHT DETAILS PER PARA FOUR. CHRISTOPHER

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